

PATENT APPLICATION
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In re application of

Mario MEGGIOLAN

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CONNECTOR ELEMENT FOR CONNECTING
FRAME PARTS AT A JOINT LOCATION IN A BICYCLE FRAMEWORK AND
CONNECTOR ELEMENT OBTAINED HEREBY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete the heading "DESCRIPTION" and insert the heading

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, before the first paragraph insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 6, before the first full paragraph insert the heading

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 7, before the first full paragraph insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete the heading “CLAIMS” and insert the heading

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

30. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein said mould and said core are shaped and arranged in order to produce a connector element defining a bicycle bottom bracket with associated tubular extensions for connection to bicycle frame tubes converging towards the bottom bracket.

31. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein mould and said core are shaped and arranged in order to produce a connector element for connection of bicycle frame tubes at any of the joint locations of a bicycle frame where the frame tubes converge towards each other.

32. (Amended) Connector element for connecting frame parts at a joint location in a bicycle framework, wherein it is obtained with a method according to claim 1.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

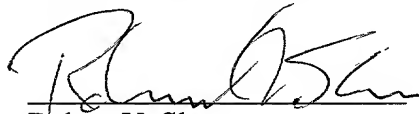
Please delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase “(Figure 3)”.

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REMARKS

The application has been amended to delete the multiple dependencies therein, to provide appropriate headings for the various sections of the specification, and to delete the erroneous improper second paragraph of the abstract. Entry and consideration of this Amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

The claims are amended as follows:

30. (Amended) Method according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ 1 wherein said mould and said core are shaped and arranged in order to produce a connector element defining a bicycle bottom bracket with associated tubular extensions for connection to bicycle frame tubes converging towards the bottom bracket.

31. (Amended) Method according to ~~any of~~ claims 1-29, wherein mould and said core are shaped and arranged in order to produce a connector element for connection of bicycle frame tubes at any of the joint locations of a bicycle frame where the frame tubes converge towards each other.

32. (Amended) Connector element for connecting frame parts at a joint location in a bicycle framework, wherein it is obtained with a method according to ~~any previous~~ claims 1.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

Delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase “(Figure 3)”.